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5,761,793 to Bevers <i>et al.</i>	June 9, 1998	Process for the Production of a Composite Consisting of Electrode Material, and a Solid-Electrolyte Membrane
5,861,222 to Fischer <i>et al.</i>	January 19, 1999	Gas diffusion Electrode for Membrane Fuel Cells and Method of Its Production
6,074,692 to Hulett	June 13, 2000	Method of Making MEA for PEM/SPE Fuel Cell

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6,156,449 to Zuber <i>et al.</i>	December 5, 2000	Catalyst Layer for Polymer Electrolyte Fuel Cells
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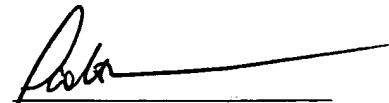
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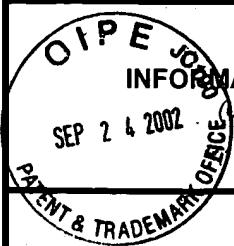
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